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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

SEO ET AL.

Examiner

HUY T. NGUYEN

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 26 October 2007.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1,3-8,11 and 15-46 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1,3-8,11 and 15-46 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

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- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 2/26/08, 12/03/07.
- ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 101

1. 35 U.S.C. 101 reads as follows:

Whoever invents or discovers any new and useful process, machine, manufacture, or composition of matter, or any new and useful improvement thereof, may obtain a patent therefor, subject to the conditions and requirements of this title.

2. Claims 1, 3- 8 and 11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101 because the claimed invention is directed to non-statutory subject matter.

Claims 1,3-8 and 11 direct to information a medium. Since the information do not provide any functional interrelationship to the medium to control the medium to readout the information ,or impart to any software or hardware structural components to provide certain function that is processed by a computer , the information d not make themselves the statutory . It is noted that the claimed playitems or still picture or audio data are not functional information or computer software program . No means or circuits in the body of the claims to interact with the claimed information or data to control , access or reading the information on the medium any thing. See MPEP 2100..

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

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(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

4. Claims 1, 3,7,8,1115,16,17,18, 19,23,24,25,26,30,38,39, 40,44,45 and 46

rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Ando et al (6341196).

Regarding claims 1 and 15-18 , Ando teaches a recording/ reproducing apparatus (Figs. 11) having means or recording still pictures and audio data (audio title set) on and from a computer recordable medium (Figs. 3,4), the computer-readable recording medium having a data structure for managing reproduction of still pictures, comprising:

a playlist area storing at least one playlist, the playlist including at least one playitem and at least one sub-playitem, the playitem providing navigation information for reproducing at least one still picture from a first file, the sub-playitem providing navigation information for reproducing audio data from a second file (figs 4, 24, column 9,lines 55-65,column 31, line 63 to column 32, line 12).

Regarding claims 3,19,26,33 and 40. (Currently Amended) The computer-readable recording medium of claim 1, wherein the playitem provides navigation information for reproducing presentation data from the first file, the presentation data includes at least the still picture and related data associated with the still picture (thumbnail data (column 9, lines 50-55).

Regarding claims 7,23, 30,37 and 44, Ando teaches the computer-readable recording medium of claim 6, wherein the presentation data is multiplexed into a transport stream on a still picture unit by still picture unit basis (Fig. 7).

Regarding claims 8,24,31,38 and 45, Ando teaches the computer-readable recording medium of claim 7, wherein each elementary stream of the presentation data is aligned within the still picture unit (Fig. 7).

Regarding claims 11,25,32,39 and 46, Ando further teaches the computer-readable-medium of claim 1, further comprising:
a data area storing the first file, and the first file does not include audio data (Fig. 24, column 31, lines 55-60).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

5. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

This application currently names joint inventors. In considering patentability of the claims under 35 U.S.C. 103(a), the examiner presumes that the subject matter of the various claims was commonly owned at the time any inventions covered therein were made absent any evidence to the contrary. Applicant is advised of the obligation under 37 CFR 1.56 to point out the inventor and invention dates of each claim that was not commonly owned at the time a later invention was made in order for the examiner to

consider the applicability of 35 U.S.C. 103(c) and potential 35 U.S.C. 102(e), (f) or (g) prior art under 35 U.S.C. 103(a).

6. Claims 4-6,20-22,27-29,34-36 and 41-43 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ando et al in view of Otomo et al (6532335).

Regarding claims 4-6,20-22,27-29,34-36 and 41-43, Ando fails to teach that the relate data are is graphic data, subtitle data and/ or the presentation data associated with one still picture data.

Otomo teaches a recording/reproducing apparatus for recording audio file and video file on a medium having a control means for generating the graphic data or subtitle data for a still picture (column 27, lines 10-15). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to modify Ando with by providing a control means as taught by Otomo to the apparatus of Ando for generating graphic data or subtitle data for one still picture thereby enhancing the capacity of the apparatus of Ando.

7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to HUY T. NGUYEN whose telephone number is (571)272-7378. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30AM -6:00PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John W. Miller can be reached on (571) 272-7353. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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